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GREBENHAIN FSTS (FORWARD STORAGE SITES)

REFS: (A) AC/4-DS/1056. (B) AC/4-D/2492, ANNEX XIII
SUMMARY. IN ITS MEETING OF 12 JULY 77 THE INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE APPROVED (SUBJECT TO FRG CONFIRMATION) PROGRAM-
MING OF SERIAL 163 AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF IAU 901,000,
INCLUDING A NATO LUMP SUM CONTRIBUTION OF IAU 145,000
TOWARD THE COST OF SITE CLEARANCE. THE ONLY REFERENCE TO
THE POSSIBILITY OF A U.S. CONTRIBUTION WAS BY THE FRG REP
(PFEIFFER) AND WAS NOT REFLECTED IN REF A. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ITS MEETING OF 12 JULY 77 THE INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE APPROVED PROGRAMMING OF SERIAL 163 SUBJECT TO
FRG CONFIRMATION. SINCE ADDRESSEES WILL NOT YET HAVE
RECEIVED REF A THE PERTINENT SECTIONS ARE QUOTED BELOW.

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SERIAL 163.

(8) NOTED THE CONFIRMATION BY GERMANY THAT, AS A RESULT
OF A LOWER BID, THE COST ESTIMATE FOR THE SITE CLEARANCE
COULD NOW BE BROUGHT DOWN TO APPROXIMATELY IAU 290,000
AND THAT, ON THE OTHER HAND, A RECENT SURVEY HAD SHOWN

THAT NO ALTERNATIVE SITE WAS LIKELY TO BECOME AVAILABLE IN THE GENERAL AREA WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME; ALTHOUGH THE COST OF SITE CLEARANCE WAS NORMALLY A NATO CHARGE, THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES WERE, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, PREPARED TO CONSIDER A COST SHARING IN VIEW OF THE EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH COST INVOLVED;

(9) NOTED THE PROPOSAL BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF THAT, IN ORDER TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE GERMAN NATIONAL INTEREST INVOLVED, NATO SHOULD ONLY PAY ONE-HALF OF THE IAU 290,000 INVOLVED AND NOTED THAT SHAPE COULD SUBSCRIBE TO THIS PROPOSAL;

(10) SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY GERMANY, APPROVED SERIAL 163 AT A COST ESTIMATE OF IAU 901,000, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS AMOUNT INCLUDED A LUMP SUM CONTRIBUTION OF IAU 145,000 REPRESENTING NATO'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE COST OF SITE CLEARANCE. END OF TEXT.

2. THE SLICE XXVIII GREBENHAIN SITE REFLECTS A CHANGE OF LOCATION AND EXPANSION OF THE SITE ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED AS SERIAL 334 IN SLICE XXVI. AS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED BY THE FRG AND SUPPORTED BY SHAPE, SERIAL 163 INCLUDED IAU 756,000 FOR THE EXPANSION AND IAU 1,275,000 FOR AMMUNITION CLEARANCE AND DEMOLITION WORKS. THE NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (NIS) SCREENING REPORT (REF B) CONSIDERED THE AMOUNT CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR CLEARANCE EXCESSIVE, SUGGESTED THE USE OF TROOP LABOUR OR AN ALTERNATIVE SITE, AND INITIALLY RECOMMENDED ONLY THE AMOUNT FOR SITE EXPANSION. THE FRG SUBSEQUENTLY NEGOTIATED THE NEW ESTIMATE WHICH WAS THE BASIS FOR THE DECISION OF REF A.

3. IN THE 12 JULY MEETING THE NIS (AVCI) INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE GREBENHAIN SITE IS WITHIN A MUCH LARGER MOD-CONTROLLED AREA AND THAT THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES WERE ALREADY IMPLEMENTING A LONG-TERM PROGRAM OF SITE CLEARANCE AT NATIONAL EXPENSE. HE RECOMMENDED A 50/50 NATO-FRG COST-SHARING LIMITED TO THE LATEST ESTIMATED CLEARANCE COST OF IAU 290,000 BUT COULD SUPPORT THE CANADIAN (DUNSEATH) PROPOSAL FOR A SIMPLE LUMP SUM.

4. THE FRG REP THOUGHT THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD FIND THE LUMP SUM ACCEPTABLE AND MENTIONED THAT THEY MIGHT SEEK A CONTRIBUTION FROM THE U.S. AS USER NATION. THE US REP (CAMPBELL) AVOIDED DISCUSSION OF THAT POSSIBILITY AND IT IS NOT REFLECTED IN REF A. BENNETT

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